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SUBJECT: EC RELATIONS

1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE EC QUARTERLY FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING COPENHAGEN, VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS LA ROCCA PROVIDED EMBASSY OFFICER WITH HIS VIEWS OF CURRENT STATE OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. LA ROCCA CONTINUES TO BE OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING THE US/EC-NINE DECLARATION. HE SAID SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE THREE MEETINGS WITH STOESSEL AND SONNENFELDT DESPITE FACT THAT CONCEPT OF "PARTNERSHIP" IS NOT IN THE CARDS. THE EUROPEAN COUNTERPROPOSAL OF "DYNAMIC" RELATIONS IS CLEAR SIGNAL IN LA ROCCA'S VIEW THAT RELATIONSHIP U.S. WANTS IS NOT PRECLUDED. LA ROCCA BELIEVES THE THREE WORKING SESSIONS IN WHICH U.S. AND EC PARTICIPATED AT POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL WARRANT OPTIMISM. HE ADDED THAT IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW THE SECRETARY AND THE WHITE HOUSE ASSESS SITUATION, BUT LA ROCCA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE RECOGNIZED IN UNITED STATES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

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2. DCM ALSO TALKED TO POL DIRGEN DUCCI ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. DUCCI HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT STOESSEL AND SONNENFELDT DECIDED AT COPENHAGEN THAT THEY HAD GONE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL AND THE U.S. WILL NOW PURSUE THE MATTER AT THE

MINISTERIAL LEVEL. DUCCI CONSIDERS IT FEASIBLE TO DEAL
WITH IT ON THE MARGIN OF THE NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS. IT SHOULD
BE POSSIBLE TO FIND AN EXCUSE TO BRING THE IRISHMAN TO TOWN.
ALSO, IF THE MINISTERS SHOW SUFFICIENT POLITICAL WILL BOTH THE
EC AND NATO DECLARATIONS COULD BE WRAPPED UP THAT WEEK. VOLPE

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